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Mr. Edward Galbraith, Director
Water Protection Program
Water Protection and Soil Conservation Division
Missouri Department of Natural Resources
P.O. Box 176
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

Re: Approval of Lake Creek and Mill Creek TMDLs

Dear Mr. Galbraith:

This letter responds to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) submission of Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) documents that were received by the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on May 14, 2008. MDNR submitted two TMDL documents for Lake Creek and Mill Creek, which were identified on the 2002 Missouri §303(d) list as impaired. This submission fulfills the Clean Water Act statutory requirement to develop TMDLs for impairments listed on a state's §303(d) list. The specific impairment (water body segments and pollutants) are:

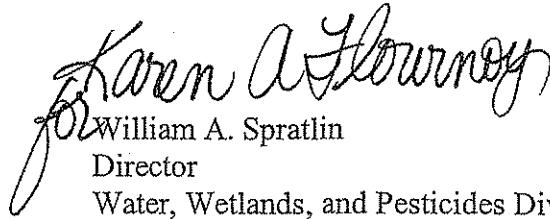
<u>Water Body Name</u>	<u>WBID</u>	<u>Pollutant</u>
Lake Creek	MO-0875	sediment
Mill Creek	MO-0159	sediment

EPA has completed its review of the TMDL documents with supporting documentation and information. By this letter, EPA approves the submitted TMDLs. Enclosed with this letter are the EPA Region 7 TMDL Decision Documents summarizing the rationale for EPA's approval of these TMDLs. EPA believes the separate elements of the TMDLs described in the enclosed form adequately address the pollutant of concern, taking into consideration seasonal variation, and a margin of safety.

EPA is currently in consultation under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service regarding these TMDLs. While we are approving these TMDLs at the present time, we may decide that changes to the TMDLs are warranted based upon the results of the consultation when it is completed.

We appreciate the thoughtful effort that MDNR has put into these TMDLs. We will continue to cooperate with and assist, as appropriate, in future efforts by MDNR to develop remaining TMDLs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William A. Spratlin", is written over the typed name and title.

William A. Spratlin

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Enclosures

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